I wish you would locate all my old hats most respectfully to the Lieutenant and inform him that, 1st that he has been owing me a letter for a long time, and secondly that my letters are always addressed as much to him as to any body else. and that therefore he cannot grumble at my not writing to him. I am glad he has got into the rifles who I suppose will form a crack regiment. Remember me particularly to Charles Morris whose letter gave me much pleasure. What has become of Caire how to be delivered over body and soul to the Bedford family? I thought the Lyceum might send me copies of them new numbers for distribution? I see nothing of them as yet. The numbers now here are smells abominably through the [illegible] and leaves us above in the laboratory [illegible] remains till October. I write to Hereford to day to engage me a room in Siefen and am pleased at being relieved in my plans and prospects for the winter. I publish nothing of my work in Koch's laboratory as [illegible] up of isolated analyses which though very instructive in themselves have [illegible] connection with one another. I hope to undertake a course investigation with Liebig this season, of which I will send you [illegible] for Silliman. It is stated in the papers that the Mexican war has already cost us 100 millions if this be so are we not to know exactly how the money has been spent as it seems incredible that so much has been spent and so little done. Secretary Taylor seems to have been of Taylor's precepts - there is a person loose somewhere. I see that the tariff bill has passed inactive price may last notwithstanding all the money. Folk must be getting jealous. at length the new Englanders here are furious and the Pennsylvanians it is to be hoped will have reason to become so also. Give me the political news in full in your next. I hope the family will also write more regularly hereafter. In regard to the fine apple preserves if they are packed in a pasteboard and tied in a box and sent to the care of Schneider Buchhändler 23 den Linden they will reach me in time. I will write hereafter how to send to Siefen. I will write again from Munich in October or sooner if practicable. Love to all I must close now as I have much to do

Yours truly W Abbott

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